

REMARKS

The claims now pending in the application are Claims 1 and 4 to 13, the independent claims being Claims 1, 12 and 13. Claim 2 has been canceled herein; Claim 3 previously was canceled. Claims 1, 7, 12 and 13 have been amended herein.

In the Official Action dated November 3, 2003, Claims 1, 2, 4 and 7 to 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,457,491(Mowry) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,124,944 (Ohta), and Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as unpatentable over the Mowry '491 patent and the Ohta '944 patent, further in view of the Furukawa publication (Super High Definition Image Digitizing System; 1992). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections respectfully are requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The rejections of the claims over the cited art respectfully are traversed. Nevertheless, without conceding the propriety of the rejections, Claim 2 has been cancelled and Claims 1, 7, 12 and 13 have been amended herein more clearly to recite various novel features of the present invention, with particular attention to the Examiner's comments. Support for the proposed amendments may be found in the original application. No new matter has been added.

In this regard, in light of the Examiner's withdrawal of the prior indication of Allowability, Claim 7 has been rewritten in its original dependent form.

Also, each of independent Claims 1, 12 and 13 has been amended to recite features of original dependent Claim 3; accordingly, Claim 2 had been canceled.

Applicants submit that the prior art fails to anticipate the present invention. Moreover, Applicants submit that there are differences between the subject matter sought to be

patented and the prior art, such that the subject matter taken as a whole would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made.

The Mowry '491 patent relates to a system for producing an image on a first medium, such as a video, simulating the appearance of an image on a second medium, such as a motion picture or other photographic film, and discloses a system for processing information in an image originated on a first medium into data representative of a modified image simulating an image originated on a selected second medium. However, Applicants submit that the Mowry '491 patent fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-described features of the present invention. Nowhere is the Mowry '491 patent understood to disclose or suggest at least the features of holding a profile corresponding to a kind of input device and a profile corresponding to a kind of output target film, where each profile includes data according to a gray scale chart, selecting the profile corresponding to the kind of input device and the profile corresponding to the kind of output target film, preparing a table to approximate a color reproducability of the output target film as to a color reproducability of the input image data using the selected profile corresponding to the kind of input device and the selected profile corresponding to the kind of output target film, and correcting a color of the input image data using the prepared table, as disclosed and claimed in the present application. In particular, Applicants submit that the Mowry '491 patent fails to disclose or suggest the feature of preparing such a table.

The Ohta '944 patent relates to an image processing apparatus and method, and discloses an image processing apparatus in which it is determined whether or not a color is capable of being reproduced by an output device which is to output entered image data, including a three-dimensional look up table (LUT), and where information indicative of a color incapable

of being reproduced is held on at least the boundary surfaces of the LUT. However, Applicants submit that the Ohta '944 patent fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-described features of the present invention. Nor is the Ohta '944 patent understood to add anything to the Mowry '491 patent that would make obvious the claimed invention.

The Furukawa publication was cited for its disclosure of emphasizing an edge in a highlighted portion of color-corrected image data; without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's characterization of the Furukawa publication, Applicants submit that the Furukawa publication fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-described features of the present invention. Nor is the Furukawa publication believed to add anything to the Mowry '491 patent and/or the Ohta '944 patent that would make obvious the claimed invention.

For the above reasons, Applicants submit that independent Claims 1, 12 and 13 are allowable over the prior art.

Claims 4 to 11 depend from independent Claim 1, and are believed allowable for the same reasons. Moreover, each of these dependent claims recites additional features in combination with the features of base Claim 1, and is believed allowable in its own right. Individual consideration of the dependent claims respectfully is requested.

In formal matters, by separate paper previously filed September 26, 2003, Applicants have submitted a Letter Requesting Approval To Amend The Drawings And Second Submission Of Substitute Formal Drawings, including proposed amendments to correct various spelling errors in the drawings additional to those previously submitted September 5, 2003 and approved by the Examiner in the present outstanding Official Action. Applicants respectfully request acknowledgment of receipt, consideration and entry of the corrected formal drawings.

Applicants believe the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Official Action, and submit that the application is in allowable form. Favorable consideration of the claims and passage to issue of the subject application at the Examiner's earliest convenience earnestly are solicited.

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